#### Conserved charge fluctuations and the phase diagram of strongly interacting matter

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#### Strongly interacting matter in the '70s





**Rolf Hagedorn**: Hadron resonance gas, ultimate temperature?

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- the physics/thermodynamics of strong interaction matter is described by the theory of strong interactions – Quantum Chromo Dynamics (QCD)
- understanding highly non-perturbative/collective effects like phase transitions requires the application of numerical techniques – lattice QCD

#### Asymptotic Freedom Equation of state and Hadron Resonance Gas



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### **QCD-EoS and the Hadron Resonance Gas (HRG)**



#### **Probing the hadron spectrum using QCD thermodynamics**



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- additional resonance in the hadron spectrum increase the pressure, energy density as well as trace anomaly
- charmed baryons are too heavy to have any impact on bulk thermodynamics
- additional strange baryons may increase the pressure by about 3% at T=160 MeV
- need to be more selective to see effects of additional strange and charmed hadronic resonances



#### **Fluctuations and Correlations: Susceptibilities**

- probing the response of a thermal medium to an external field, i.e. variation of one of its external control parameters:  $T, \mu, m_q$ 

(generalized) response functions == (generalized) susceptibilities

pressure: 
$$\frac{p}{T^4} \equiv \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln Z(V, T, \mu_{B,Q,S}, m_{u,d,s})$$



# **Correlations and Fluctuations: HRG vs. LQCD**

- construct QCD observables that would project onto specific quantum numbers, if QCD = HRG
- E.g.: HRG pressure:

$$rac{P}{T^4} = \sum_{m \in mesons} \ln Z^b_m(T,V,\mu) + \sum_{m \in baryons} \ln Z^f_m(T,V,\mu)$$

HRG baryon susceptibilities:

$$\chi_{nmkl}^{BQSC} = \sum_{m \in baryons} \frac{\partial^{(n+m+k+l)} \ln Z_m^f(T, V, \mu)}{\partial \hat{\mu}_B^n \partial \hat{\mu}_Q^m \partial \hat{\mu}_S^k \partial \hat{\mu}_C^l} \bigg|_{\mu=0}$$

sum "knows" about spectrum

# **Correlations and Fluctuations: HRG vs. LQCD**

- in a HRG charge fluctuations obey some simple relations because B, Q, S quantum numbers are integer; -- or even restricted to |B|=0, 1
- baryonic part of the pressure:

e.g.  $\chi_{11}^{BS} = \chi_{31}^{BS}$ ,  $\chi_2^B = \chi_4^B$  .... valid in any HRG (irresp. of the spectrum)

# **Correlations and Fluctuations: HRG vs. LQCD**



- HRG model description of fluctuations and correlations breaks down above T=160 MeV
- this also is the case for the strange baryon sector

A. Bazavov et al. (BNL-Bielefeld-CCNU), Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 082301 (2013)

#### **Evidence for many charmed baryons in thermodynamics**

- use charge fluctuations and correlations to probe the hadron spectrum
- HRG pressure of open charmed mesons and baryons particularly simple, because multiple charmed baryons are too heavy to be of thermodynamic relevance; e.g.



### Evidence for many charmed baryons in thermodynamics



A. Bazavov et al., arXiv:1404.4043

close to Tc charmed baryon fluctuations are about 50% larger than expected in a HRG based on known charmed baryon resonances (PDG-HRG)

charmed pressure ratios

all charmed baryons/mesons

charged charmed baryons/mesons

strange charmed baryons/mesons

including resonance predicted in quark model calculations and observed in lattice QCD calculations allows for a HRG model (QM-HRG) description of lattice QCD results on conserved charge fluctuations and correlations

# Evidence for more strange baryons in thermodynamics



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# **Exploring the QCD phase diagram**



#### HRG model, lattice QCD and critical behavior

for a wide range of baryon chemical potentials freeze-out happens in or close to the QCD transition region: predicted
 P. Braun-Munzinger et al., Phys. Lett. B596, 61 (2004)

caveat: freeze-out parameter extracted from experimental data by comparing to the Hadron Resonance Gas (HRG) model, i.e. not QCD



#### Strange hadron yields in HIC

$$\frac{n_{\bar{\Lambda}}}{n_{\Lambda}}, \frac{n_{\bar{\Sigma}}}{n_{\Sigma}}, \frac{n_{\bar{\Omega}}}{n_{\Omega}} = \exp\left[-\frac{2\mu_{B}^{f}}{T^{f}} - \frac{2\mu_{S}^{f}}{T^{f}}|S|\right] = \exp\left[-\frac{2\mu_{B}^{f}}{T^{f}}\left(1 - \frac{\mu_{S}^{f}}{\mu_{B}^{f}}|S|\right)\right]$$

$$\frac{\Lambda/\bar{\Lambda} \quad \Sigma/\bar{\Sigma} \quad \Omega/\bar{\Omega}}{\int_{-1.5}^{-1.0} \int_{-1.5}^{-1.0} \int_{-1.5}^{-1.$$

STAR: F. Zhao, PoS CPOD2013 (2013) 036 NA57: F. Antinori et al, PLB 595 (2004) 68

#### Impact on determination of freeze-out parameter







#### Thanks to Mike's pioneering work

LGT calculations have achieved two important goals of studies of strong interaction thermodynamics

- determination of transition temperature Tc
- calculation of the equation of state

with physical quark masses in the continuum limit

- Gross features of bulk thermodynamics at low temperatures are compatible with hadron resonance gas thermodynamics;
- deviations from PDG-HRG provide

# evidence for a richer strange and charmed baryon spectrum than so-far known experimentally